

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare

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Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

Attention Providers

Providers are encouraged to check the Medicaid Web site weekly at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/. Some late-breaking Updates may not have been included in this Update Summary.

Medicare Drug Coverage for Dual Eligibles

To: Blood Banks, Dispensing Physicians, Family Planning Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Pharmacies, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

This Update discusses drug coverage information for dual eligibles who are enrolled in a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan on and after January 1, 2006.

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Hospital Laboratories Are Required to Become Certified as Independent Laboratories to Receive Reimbursement Resulting from Transferred Specimens

To: Inpatient Hospital Providers, Outpatient Hospital Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2006, Medicaid-certified outpatient hospital providers may receive reimbursement for laboratory services only when the services result from a recipient visit to the outpatient hospital. Therefore, outpatient hospitals may only receive reimbursement resulting from specimens transferred from outside the hospital when the hospital laboratory becomes separately certified as an independent laboratory.

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Medicaid Basic Training Offered

To: All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Wisconsin Medicaid is conducting Medicaid Basic Training in January and February 2006 for new providers or staff who need to increase their basic knowledge of the Medicaid program. Attendees will obtain general, all-provider information but will not receive service-specific billing and policy information. More experienced providers and staff should call Provider Services or their professional relations representative with specific questions regarding the Medicaid program and with issues regarding specific claims.

Registration is required; however, Wisconsin Medicaid does not charge a fee for attending. Seating is limited, so providers should register early.

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Physician Services Handbook Revised

To: Federally Qualified Health Centers, Nurse Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Physician Clinics, Physicians, Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The Division of Health Care Financing announces the revised Physician Services Handbook. This handbook is a guide to Wisconsin Medicaid for Medicaid-certified physician services providers. Providers should maintain and refer to this handbook in conjunction with all-provider publications.

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Copayment Limit for Rural Health Clinics

To: Rural Health Clinics, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Rural health clinic providers are reminded that a recipient's copayment for physician services is limited to \$30.00 cumulative, per physician or clinic (using a group billing number), per calendar year. This limit applies to selected revenue and procedure codes.

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Maximum Allowable Fee Changes for Prosthetic Devices and Stockings

To: Federally Qualified Health Centers, Home Health Agencies, Individual Medical Supply Providers, Medical Equipment Vendors, Personal Care Agencies, Pharmacies, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Effective for dates of service on and after December 1, 2005, the maximum allowable fees will be revised for selected Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) procedure codes for purchased prosthetic devices and stockings.

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What's New on the Medicaid and BadgerCare Web Sites

To: All Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

The Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Web sites include provider and recipient publications, contacts and statistics, and eligibility and benefit information.

Providers may visit the Medicaid Web site at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/. The BadgerCare Web site is located at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/badgercare/.

The following is a list of recently added information:

- Monthly BadgerCare enrollment statistics.
- Monthly caseload statistics.
- November 2005 *Update* articles.
- Revised Physician Services Handbook.
- Updated Max Fee Schedules.
- Updated Durable Medical Equipment Index and Fee Schedule.
- Updated Disposable Medical Supplies Index.
- Medicaid Pharmacy home page:
 - ✓ Brand Medically Necessary Drugs That Require Prior Authorization.
 - ✓ Diagnosis Restricted Drugs.
 - ✓ Legend Drug Maximum Allowed Cost List.

Pharmacy providers are reminded that Wisconsin Medicaid no longer routinely mails revisions to the data tables on CD or paper. Changes and additions to the data tables will be available on the Medicaid Web site or by calling Provider Services.

For those providers without Internet access, many libraries have access available.

Obtaining Articles in Full-Text Format

Providers may electronically access full-text versions of the articles summarized in this publication via the Internet. To access the information from the Internet, go to the Web address listed at the end of the article. From this Web page, providers may print the specific article as well as navigate to other Wisconsin Medicaid publications available on the Medicaid Web site.

Providers without Internet access may call Wisconsin Medicaid Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 to request copies of *Updates* in full-text. Allow seven to 10 days for delivery.